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- b. Other _____

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PATENT APPLICATION

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Applicant: Shinohara et al.

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MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC
RECORDING DISK DEVICE

Art Unit: 1773

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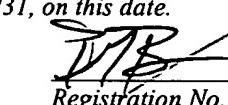
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Amended Four Times) A magnetic recording disk comprising a nonmagnetic glass substrate having non-oriented irregularities on a surface thereof, and, having applied thereon in the following order: